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on the back  
page!

PIRATES

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COMIC!  
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PIRATE  
COUPONS!  
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Members  
Only

# new POSSIBILITIES

UP CLOSE &  
PERSONAL

## THE ADMIRAL

**Favorite food:**  
A "galleon" of rocky road ice cream  
**Favorite basketball player:**  
David "the Admiral" Robinson  
**Favorite football team:** The Buccaneers  
**Favorite song:** Row, Row, Row Your Boat

The admiral of the Imperial Armada is one of the toughest sea dogs to sail the seven seas. Everyone calls him "the Admiral" because no one knows what his name is. He was marooned on a desert island when he was a baby and found by some Islanders. Ever since then, he's been a sailor.

The Admiral wears his super shiny armor everywhere, even in the tub. It just takes him awhile to scrub the rust stains off his neck.

His favorite tub toy is #6289 Red Beard's Runner. "I like to practice sinking his ship," says the Admiral.

The Admiral is a real sports fan. He especially likes to hang out with his friends the Islanders and play soccer. In the islands, they use coconuts for balls and palm trees for goals. "My scores aren't too good, but we sure eat well after the game," he says.

Hey, Kids. Help give my friend, the Admiral a name. See the contest on the back page to place your vote.

#6280

### Armada Flagship

Look at all this sealario' stuff — a working compass and steering wheel, sails that hoist up and down, a net and crane to crank in supplies, a swiveling cannon, and a collapsible mast that falls down during battle!



Imperial Armada

Pull the pin and drop the mast! After battle, snap the mast back into place.

The Admiral's crew voted him best dressed in a shiny chrome vest.

Hoist sails up and down!



Hand over the Islander gold, Red Beard, or walk the plank!

A working compass helps point you in the right direction!



# FOR SOME SEAFARIN' FUN!

## #6290 Red Beard Runnin'

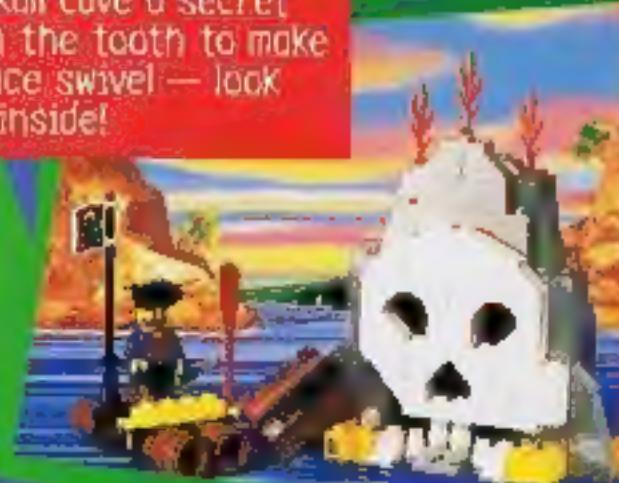
Hoist the sails! This mighty pirate ship is loaded and ready for the toughest sea battles. When the mast collapses on to the deck, just pop it back up and you won't be shipwrecked. If the skull hull gets rammed and starts to break away, the crew can snap it back and save the day. Beware of the secret winch and net — Red Beard uses them to load all the treasure (and prisoners) he can get.



Pull the pin to drop the mast!

Hoist  
Sails up  
and down!

Keep Skull Cove a secret — push the tooth to make skull face swivel — look what's inside!



Push the catapult and watch Skully do the "Volcano Vault!"

## #6291 Volcano Island

Although Volcano diving may not be an official Olympic sport, it's pretty popular on Volcano Island. Skully's hidden the treasure so well that he can do his own diving instead of guarding the treasure. Check out his latest dive, "Volcano Vault!"



Skull hull breaks away and then you can save the ship by snapping it back into place!

Hoist treasure with crane to keep it safe!

Secret Jail

Hidden cutpurit sends treasure seekers sailing!

George, is that you?



#6232 Skeleton Crew

You don't scare me, oh...what is your name anyway?

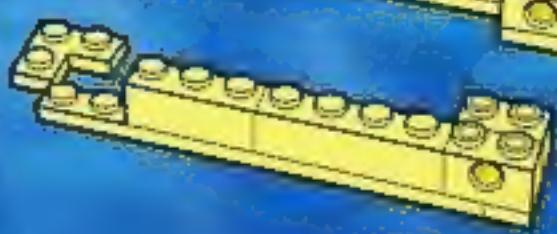
## #6296 Shipwreck Island

This treasure island is so much fun, that all the pirates just flip over it. One wrong step could send you sailing through the air, hoisted in a net, or a crocodile's lunch.

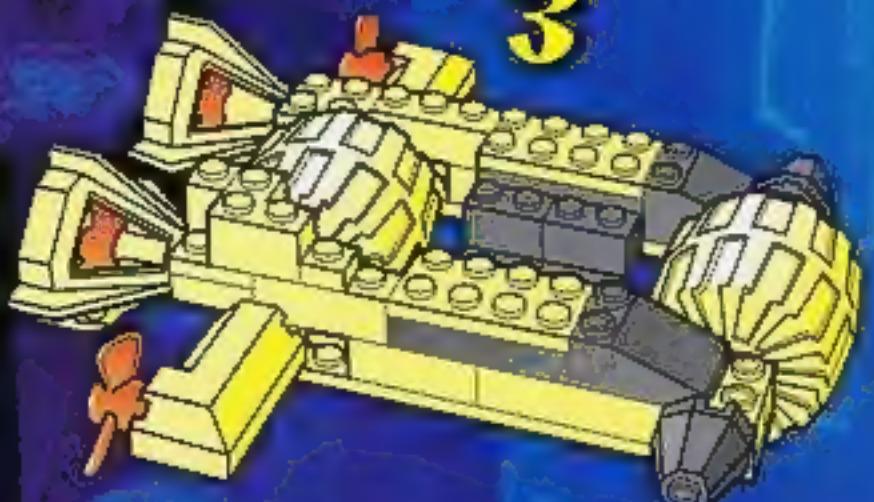


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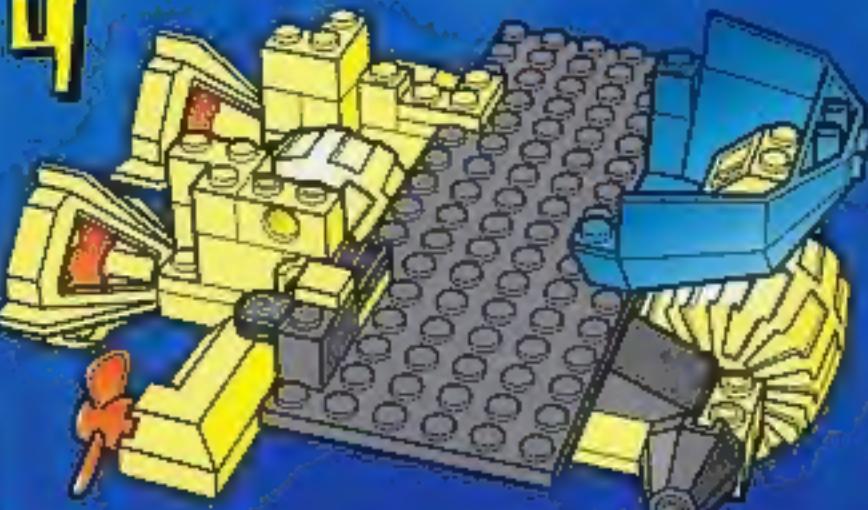
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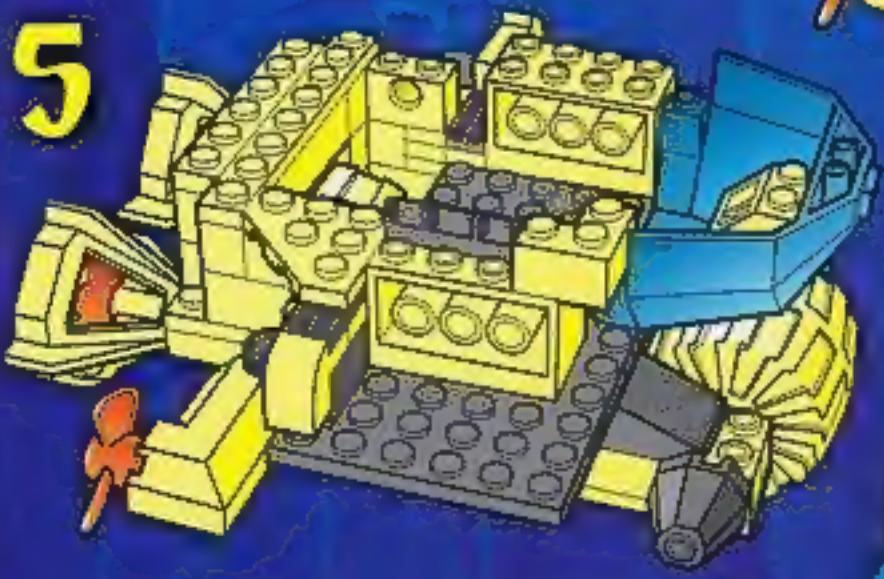
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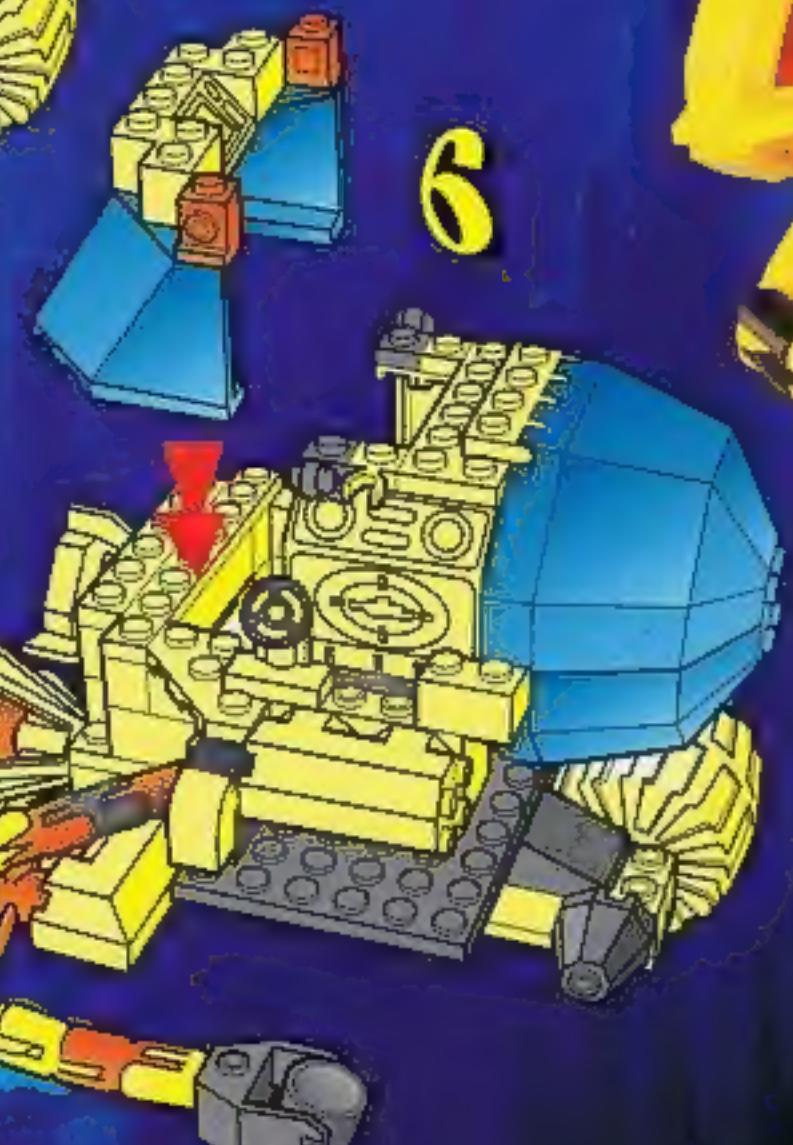
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You can  
cruise down the  
crummiest street  
here.

Tattoo  
McGoo



Use pieces from  
#1728 Crystal Crawler  
and #6175 Crystal  
Explorer Sub or pieces  
from your own LEGO  
collection to create  
your own Aqua 5!

## The Building Challenge

Send a photo of your own  
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by May 15, 1996 to:

LEGO Time Machine Challenge  
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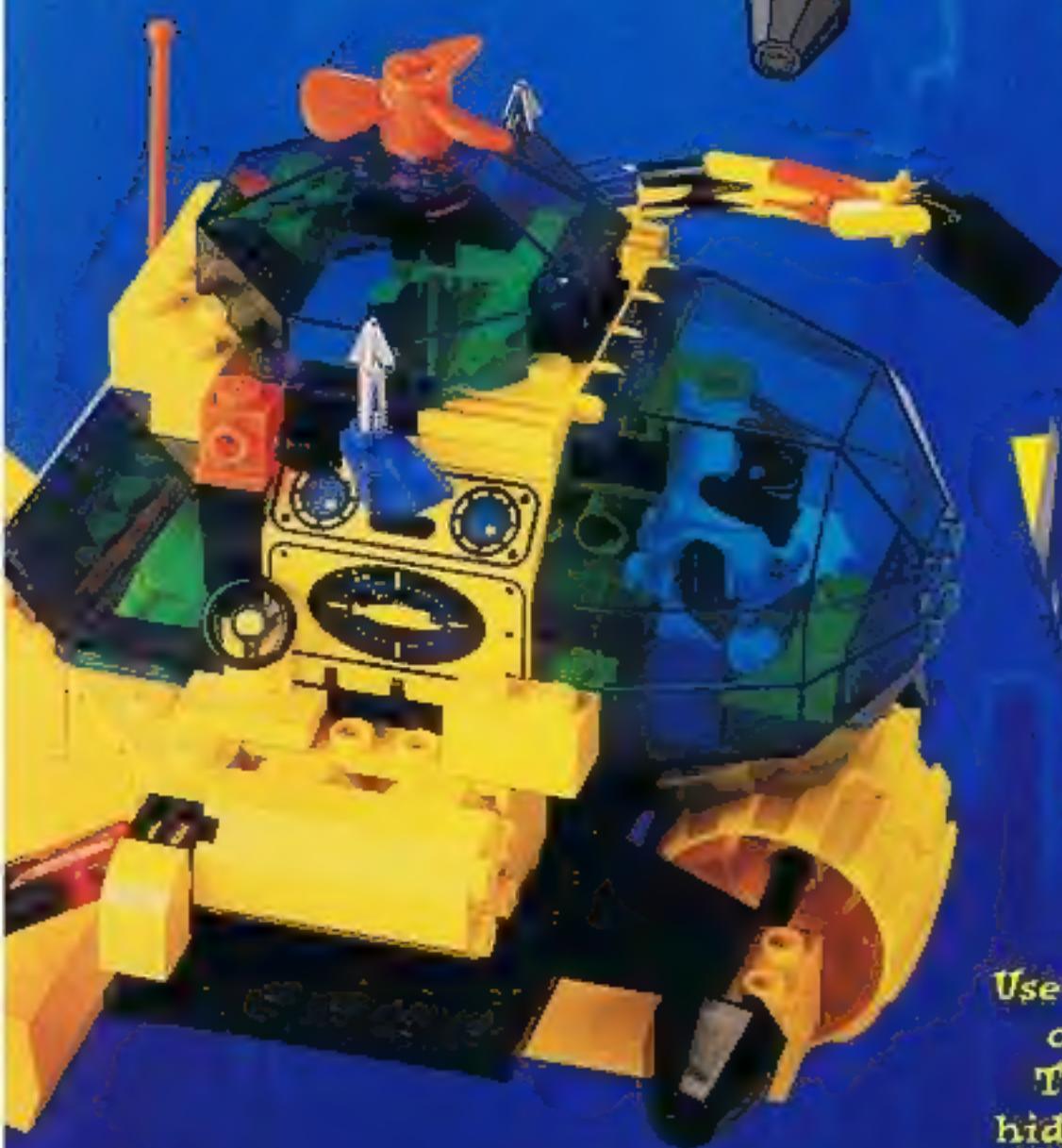
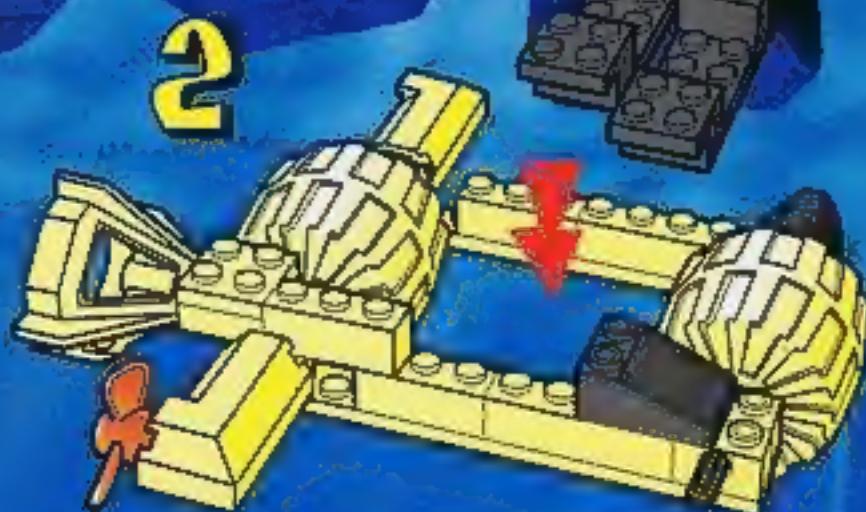
Look for photos of the top entries in an  
upcoming issue of MANIA Magazine.  
Club members featured will receive  
a free LEGO set of their choice (\$100 value)



Hey Caley,  
Thanks for the  
cool logo design!

# Aqua5

Caley Carson, Age 12 of  
Colorado inspired this Cool  
Creation -- Aqua 5



Use the **FREE** Playscape in #1728 to  
create your own ocean bottom.  
There are lots of cool crevices to  
hide crystals from the Aquasharks.

How does an  
Aquashark tie  
his shoes?

With  
Aqua-knots.

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Take the Aqua 5 out  
for a spin -- search  
the ocean floor for  
precious crystals!

# Feature Story

## EXPLORER FRANCIS DRAKE —AROUND THE WORLD IN 1095 DAYS!

It's a good thing Francis Drake became a sailor. He didn't live on land very much. He was born around 1540, and when he was eight, his father moved the family onto an abandoned boat. By the time he was 17, Francis was captain of his own ship. He probably didn't mind getting away from home — he had 11 brothers!

In his lifetime, Drake was a hero and a pirate, depending on which country you ask. In 1580, he became the second explorer to sail around the world. And in 1588, he helped the English navy defeat the Spanish Armada. Join Drake in his adventures around the world. Just follow his stops on the map.

## Sailing with the Armada



relend you're Francis Drake living in England about 400 years ago. Coming toward you is a fleet of 130 sailing ships...the Spanish Armada!

The Armada made an awesome sight as it sailed toward England in 1588. At that time England and Spain were fighting each other. An Armada warship, or galleon, looked a lot like the #6280 Imperial Armada Flagship. The galleons' hulls were painted in bright colors, there were carved decorations on the ships, and big red crosses filled the sails.

The ships carried spare masts and sails because these were the parts of ships that were damaged the most. The masts were made from big trees and couldn't just be snapped back in place like those on the #6280 Imperial Armada Flagship. During a battle, men rushed to repair



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4 1579: Drake stops near California to repair the ship. He stayed a month visiting with the local Indians.



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damage to the ship's hull. They used canvas and tar to patch holes. Repairing a #6289 Red Beard Runner is much easier — you just pop the hull back in place.

A Spanish Armada galleon could fire 50-pound cannonballs as far as five football fields (500 yards). The Spanish fired over 123,000 cannonballs at the English galleons without seriously damaging one ship! Their cannonballs were defective.



Because the English ships could shoot cannonballs 700 yards, the English tried to sink the Spanish galleons from far away. But from that distance, their lightweight cannonballs just bounced off the Spanish ships. Of the 130 ships in the Armada, about half returned to Spain. But only one ship was sunk by English cannons. The rest were abandoned, wrecked by storms, or damaged from crashing into other ships.

What was it like aboard the Armada during the long voyage from Spain to England?

**Stinky.** To save water the crew didn't wash themselves or their clothes for two months!



Drake's around the world trip took almost three years. (1577 - 1580)

Psst, Kids, here's a contest clue! California or bust!

1578: At Drake's ship, The Golden Hind, entered the Pacific Ocean, a nasty storm greeted the sailors. The storm beat masts, shredded sails and hurled the ship up 60-foot waves.

In 1577, England sent Drake after Spanish treasure ships.

1588: After his trip around the world, Drake helped the English navy defeat the Spanish Armada.

1579: Drake headed to the Spice Islands and loaded his ship with valuable spices.

1580: The Golden Hind sailed around Africa and then headed home to England.

1579: The ship became trapped on a reef. Drake tried to raise the ship off the reef by throwing cannons and supplies overboard, but he wouldn't throw away any treasure. Luckily the wind shifted and blew the ship off the reef.



Drake was so feared by the Spanish, that during the battle with the Armada, Drake captured one ship just by asking it to surrender. The galleon had lost its main mast, and even though it had over 40 cannons and 300 men, it surrendered without firing a shot.

SEND A PHOTO OF  
YOUR MODEL TO:

# MAGICAL IMAGINATIONS

LEGO Club  
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Remember to write your name, address, age and model name on the back of the photo. Pictures will not be returned, so take an extra photo for yourself!

Mike Maneechole  
Age 9, Illinois

"Live"

Timothy Schumacher  
Age 4, Illinois

Chickenzord

Sparky's  
Doughhouse

Becky Freeman  
Age 8, California

Castle

Michael Stone  
Age 9, Arizona

Dilophosaurus

Robert Wall  
Age 13, Illinois

Statue of  
Liberty

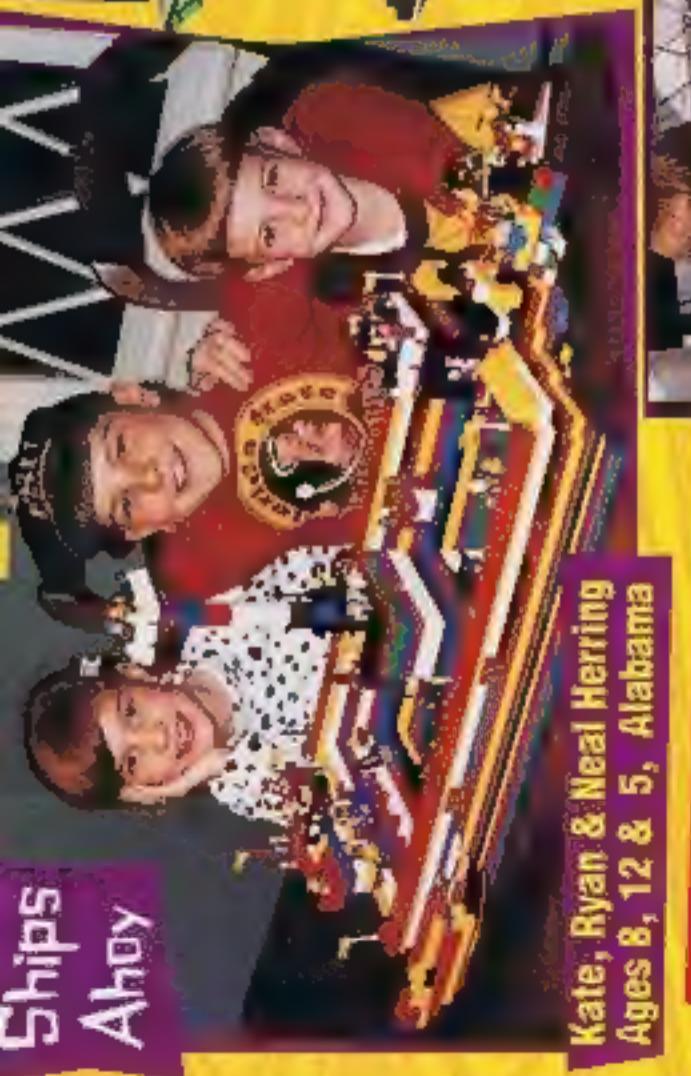
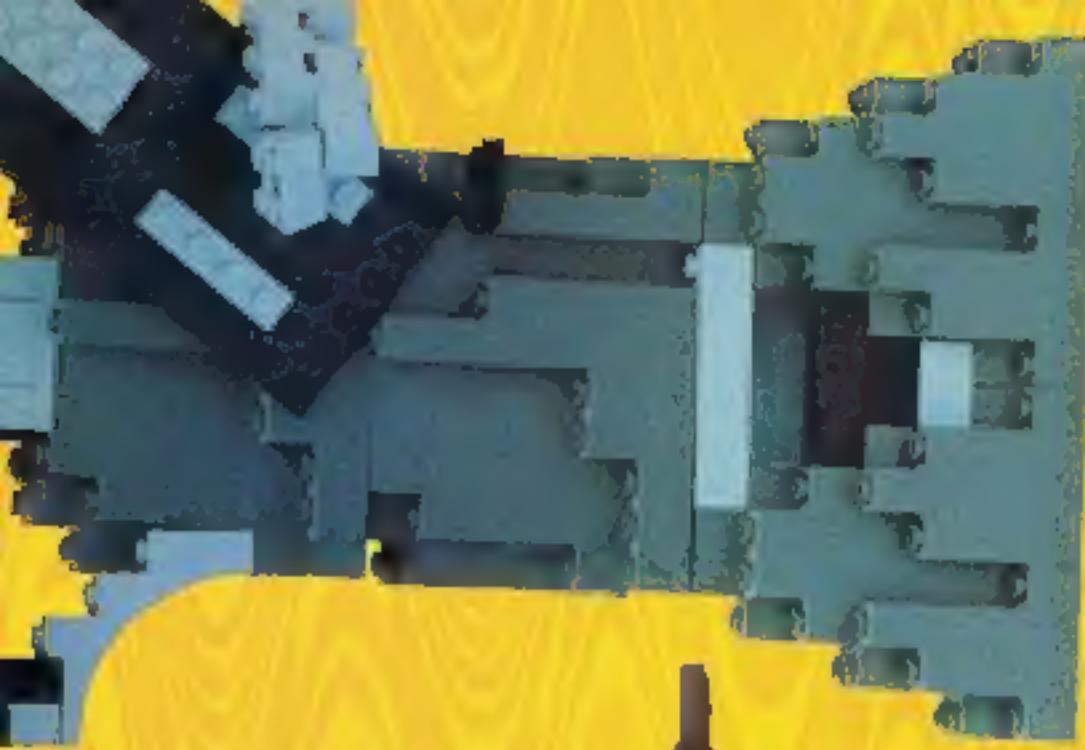
Alex Czarnecki  
Age 7, California

Your  
mother  
was  
right!

Check out the crowd surfer. Let's nut!

Hey Mr. Nut!  
You're nuts!

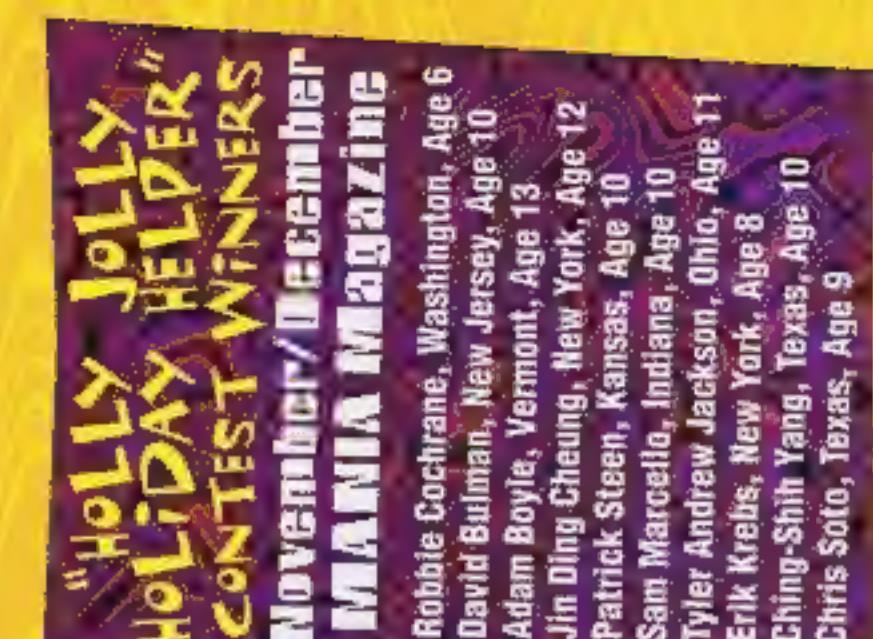




**Ben & Becky Whitcomb**  
Vermont

Ben & Becky used solar panels to power the propeller on their "Sun Cruiser"! They're so bright.

Parma  
Sean LaFeast



**"HOLiDAY CONTEST WINNERS November/December MANIA Magazine**

Robbie Cochrane, Washington, Age 6  
David Bulman, New Jersey, Age 10  
Adam Boyle, Vermont, Age 13  
Jin Ding Cheung, New York, Age 12  
Patrick Steen, Kansas, Age 10  
Sam Marcello, Indiana, Age 10  
Tyler Andrew Jackson, Ohio, Age 11  
Erik Krebs, New York, Age 8  
Ching-Shih Yang, Texas, Age 10  
Chris Soto, Texas, Age 9

**Spaceship**  
Clement Beaumont  
Age 7, New York

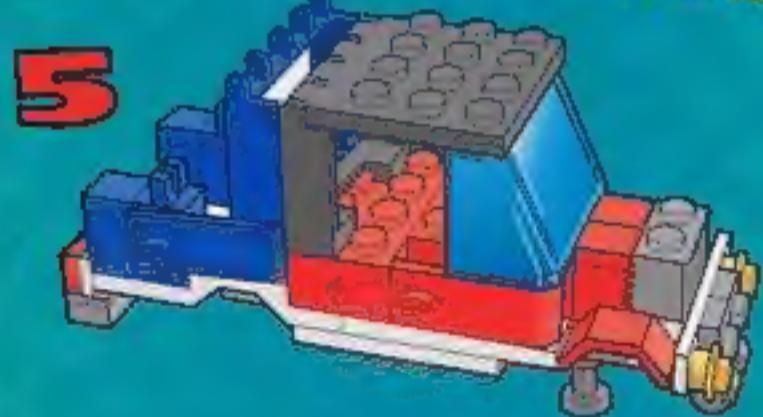
# COOL CREATIONS



Experience real off-roading action. You'll find all the pieces you need to build the Rad Racing Rig in #1821 Rally Racers, or use pieces from your own LEGO collection.



Create an off-roading race course with the ramp and free race plate in #1821 Rally Racers or create your own, like member, Nathan Ray, of New York. He used roof pieces and a baseplate to create an awesome motorcycle stunt course!



Let 'em eat your dust!

Football 49ers "rush for gold" here.

Jake the Snake Blake



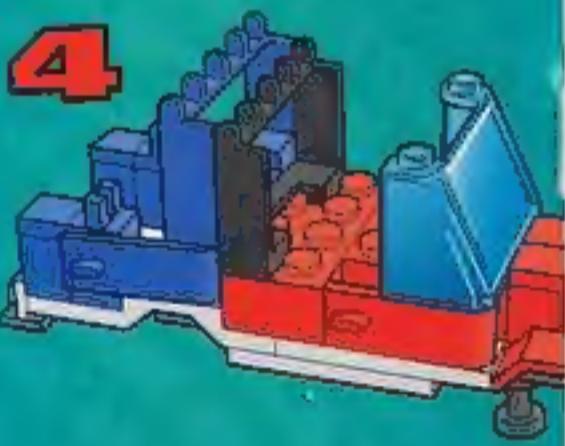
This is a grey cup



This is one piece.



Build in some doors so that you don't fall out!



You could be  
President  
of LEGO!

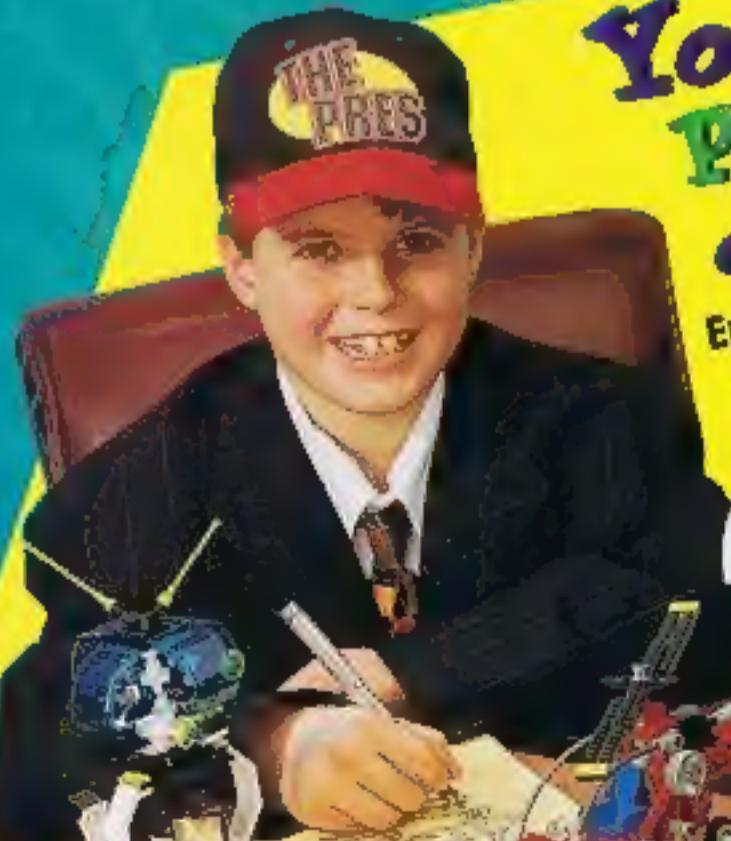
Enter the LEGO President for  
A Day Sweepstakes at your  
local Wal-Mart Store  
from March 15th to  
April 15th, 1996

Hurry!  
Sweepstakes entries  
must be received by  
May 1, 1996.



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**The Grand Prize includes:**

- A \$1,000 LEGO Shopping Spree at Wal-Mart
- An all expense paid trip for 4 to our U.S. Headquarters where you'll get to see some top secret new LEGO sets, hang out with the LEGO model designers and see how life-size LEGO models are made, inspect the super secret LEGO factory, and get interviewed for MANIA Magazine!

See Sweepstakes entry form at Wal-Mart Stores for more details.  
Entry forms available from March 15-April 15, 1999.

## Practice making your first steps and short-searchable titles fast

How does an Explorer hold up his pants?

To see the world,  
see a Blue Jay up  
close up.

Your design can  
start with Fast

Your design can  
start with Fast

## Featured in Good Housekeeping

Send your original

### making less work

## LEGO Club, Cool

Box 13

**Eastfield, 080**

#### Skills -

Служба поддержки

will receive a free  
copy of that book.

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**C** Hop a trolley car here.

**Gonzo Goldbar**

**Real Rack and Pinion Steering!**

**Motorize the alternate model with #8720 Power Pack!**

<img alt="A detailed image of a LEGO Technic Police Buggy model. It features a white frame with black and silver accents, large black tires, and a blue roll bar. The front of the buggy has a 'POLICE' badge and a large, expressive eye graphic. A yellow speech bubble points to the roll bar with the text 'Protective Roll Bar

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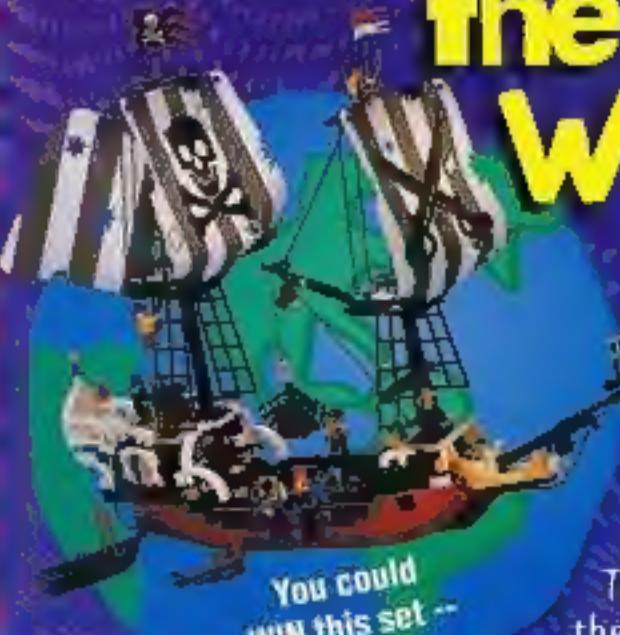
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#6248 Volcano Island

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# Travel the World & WIN a Prize!



You could  
WIN this set  
#6289

Can you figure out the name of the U.S. city that Drake visited on his trip around the world? To get you started, flip to page 6 where you'll find a map of Drake's trip. Then look throughout the magazine for pirates with more clues about this famous modern-day city. Good sailing!

The first 10 randomly selected entries with the correct answer will win a LEGO set (their choice up to \$100 value).

Winners will be notified by mail by June 21, 1996.



## How to Enter:

Just fill in the contest entry form. Cut it out and mail it by May 27, 1996 to:

## Travel the World Contest

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Entries must be postmarked by May 27, 1996 and received by May 31, 1996. Winners will be notified by mail. Offer void where prohibited or restricted by law. Employees of LEGO Systems, Inc. and members of their immediate families are not eligible to participate. Entries will be judged by LEGO Systems, Inc. on the basis of accuracy. ©1996 LEGO Group.

**Cut Here and Mail by May 27, 1996**

## Travel the World Contest Entry Form

On his trip around the world, Sir Francis Drake stopped near this city in the United States:

**Fill in your answer here.**

Just for fun...Name the Admiral! Help us pick a name for the Admiral of the #6280 imperial Armada. Look over his "Up Close and Personal" biography on page 2 and vote for the name that you think fits him best. (Or write a name on the blank if you think of a better one.) I think the Imperial Armada's Admiral should be called: (Please circle one)

A) Billy Cannonball Cordoba B) Don Diego de LEGO C) \_\_\_\_\_

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